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SUBJECT: STATUS OF NDRE PROPOSAL FOR SITE TESTS OF SENSORS

REFS: A. OSLO 3473; B. USUN 2881; C. STATE 176633;
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1. TWO OUTSTANDING ISSUES REMAIN REGARDING THE STATUS OF
US PARTICIPATION IN THE PROPOSED ON-SITE TESTING OF SURVEIL-
LANCE EQUIPMENT IN LEBANON BY A JOINT US/NORWEGIAN TEAM:
FUNDING OF US COST AND THE SECURITY OF US PERSONNEL IN
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SOUTHERN LEBANON.

2. WE ARE STILL EXPLORING ALTERNATIVES FOR FUNDING COST OF
US TEAM. REQUEST EMBASSY OSLO MENTION TO GON THAT IN DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH NDRE TEAM DEPTOFFS MADEPOINT THAT FUNDING
WOULD BE A PROBLEM. WHEN AND IF FUNDING QUESTION IS RESOLVED
WE WILL COMMUNICATE NAMES OF US PARTICIPANTS AND AUTHORITIES

WITH WHOM GON OFFER OF TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE PER REF A CAN BE DISCUSSED.

3. DEFENSE HAS RAISED THE ISSUE OF SECURITY OF US TEAM IF SENT TO SOUTHERN LEBANON. REQUEST EMBASSY BEIRUT COMMENT

ON ADVISABILITY OF SENDING 3-5 MAN US TEAM TO UNIFIL OPERATIONAL AREA OF SOUTHERN LEBANON TO CONDUCT ON SITE SENSORS TESTS WITH NORWEGIAN COUNTERPARTS.

4. RE NDRE REQUESTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL D, DOCUMENTS REQUESTED HAVE BEEN POUCHED, EXCEPT CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT MENTIONED IN PARA FOUR WHICH WILL BE POUCHED TO EMBASSY OSLO THIS WEEK.

5. INFO REQUESTED PARA 2, REF D, AS FOLLOWS: CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AN/TVS-4 AND AN/TVS-5, THE TWO NIGHT OBSERVATION DEVICES IN THE US ARMY INVENTORY SIMILAR TO THE NI-TEC NVS 500 AND 800, HAD BEEN POUCHED TO TIMBERMAN. COST OF AN/TVS-4 PROCURED THROUGH FMS IS APPROXIMATELY 2,650 DOLLARS PER COPY; HOWEVER, PRICE IS ONLY AN ESTIMATE UNTIL LOA IS APPROVED. SINCE AN/TVS-4 IS NO LONGER IN PRODUCTION, ALL STOCKS COME FROM OVERHAUL, THAT IS, REBUILT EQUIPMENT. THUS THE AVAILABILITY OF AN/TVS-4 VARIES FROM TIME-TO-TIME, DEPENDING UPON THE NUMBER OF ITEMS COMING FROM OVERHAUL AND THE BACKLOG OF REQUISITIONS FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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THE ITEMS FROM DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS.

6. RE PARA FOUR OF REFTEL B, WE HAVE ALWAYS PROCEEDED ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT JOINT US/NORWEGIAN ON-SITE TESTING WOULD BE ON A TRIAL BASIS AND WOULD BE LIMITED TO TESTING SELECT SENSORS BEFORE RECOMMENDING ANY SYSTEM SOLUTION. AS EVIDENT ,N PARA FOUR OF REFTEL E, THIS UNDERSTANDING IS SHARED BY THE GON. THE MISSION OF THE US EXPERTS WOULD BE TO CONDUCT A TECHNICAL SURVEY TO DETERMINE THE MOST EFFECTIVE UNATTENDED GROUND SENSORS FOR THE AREA, AND THEN EVALUATE A SCALED DOWN SENSOR SYSTEM. THE PROCUREMENT OF A SENSOR SYSTEM WOULD BE DETERMINED ON THE BASIS OF THE OUTCOME OF TESTS IN THE FIELD. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT A UNIFIL CONTINGENT FROM A DEVELOPED NATION SUCH AS NORWAY OR IRELAND WOULD BE GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGING UNIFIL'S ENTIRE SURVEILLANCE (ANTI-INFILTRATION) SYSTEM. VANCE

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